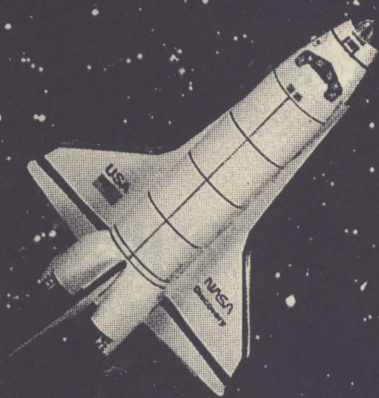


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It is astonishing to see how much talk there still is about a "*scientific explanation*" of the UFO Phenomenon.

The Phenomenon has been a reality for an ever-growing proportion of mankind since it burst upon their consciousness in 1947. (Which of course does not mean to say that it had never existed here previously to 1947. Maybe it has "always been there", but we simply weren't smart enough to know about it!)

So, since 1947, vast numbers of people have been beaver-ing away with their typewriters and, later, with their word processors and their computers, churning out reams and reams of articles and scores of books. And what has been the upshot of it all? I have yet to learn of any sure evidence that anybody or any Government has gleaned anything whatsoever about the alien vehicles, about their means of propulsion, or about the source or sources from which they and their occupants come. (It is true that we now know - alas - a very great deal about what the entities are doing to us humans. But this welcome knowledge does not seem to have brought any compensating benefits to mankind.)

And so I still say: I see no evidence that we have learned anything *scientific*. Perhaps we ought to bear in mind that the Latin word "*Scientia*" simply means "KNOWLEDGE". AND WHAT WE CALL "SCIENCE" IS OUR KNOWLEDGE. UNFORTUNATELY FOR US, WE FIND OURSELVES CONFRONTED BY SOMEBODY ELSE'S KNOWLEDGE. And I am left ruminating on the words of Dr. J. Allen Hynek who, in the course of an extraordinarily interesting conversation with me which ranged over a whole lot of things far outside the limits of our small and young "Science", had this to say:-

"If, of course, the 'floor' of *their* science is higher than the 'ceiling' of *our* science, then there may be no possibility of a meeting of minds, and we may get nowhere."

In making such an observation, Allen Hynek was not acting in the least "like a typical American". For one is reminded of the curious fact that the Americans - maybe far more than any other nation - all seem to believe that any problem that exists *is bound to be soluble*.

No doubt this simplistic view of things stems in part from the fact that they are such a relatively new and "young" and therefore "optimistic" people. Members of older communities such as those of Asia would be unlikely to view matters in that way, since they know full well, from their long, long histories, that not all problems - whether problems of Man, or problems of this poor Planet of ours - are *necessarily* "soluble" by Man. (As we are *shortly going to see*!)

Had the average American and average European possessed a better grasp of world history and of other cultures (and especially of other *religions*) they might no doubt have developed a far less clouded vision of the "UFO Problem". And the error stems also from the fact that, as soon as the UFO Phenomenon burst upon their consciousness in 1947, it was instantly and automatically accepted by the overwhelming majority of people that, if these UFO's really did exist, then their operators simply *had to be* our own "peers", folk from other planets, and therefore, *ipso facto*, they had to be "other human beings, just like us".

If, as now seems certain, this sort of thinking is a piece of gross folly, and in all probability one that has been deliberately sown in human minds by the alien creatures, then the whole fatuous idea that they are "other human beings who want to meet us" collapses in ruin.

There is in fact not the slightest shred of evidence that any of them are here to "visit with us", or "to meet us". They have doubtless known all about us for ages past, and it may well be that many of them are the true "natives" of this Planet, and were here long before us. And they are here for their own purposes, and for their own benefit, not for ours. They are not "human beings", but creatures of an entirely different order.

If we fail to understand this, and still cling to the daft and ridiculous "E.T." theory of "Visitors or tourists from other planets", our peril will only be the greater.

NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR

During the almost 35 years of FSR's existence, we have published a lot of reports about possible water-stealing, and about queer and sudden losses of water from lakes and ponds and tanks, etc. I do not have the time to look them all up. But one case I remember well - I think it was about an American reservoir called Lake Titicus (?).

The authority who spent most time thinking about this immensely serious problem was "the late" M.K. Jessup, a fine scholar and scientist whose early death (by "suicide" of course) was almost certainly organized.

His three books, *UFO*(1955); *The UFO Annual*(1956); and *The Expanding Case For The UFO*(1957), are all of great importance. Jessup has a lot to say about water-stealing, and about the huge tanker-craft which he suspected were carrying off our precious liquid. He also thought and spoke a lot about Mars and the Moon as the possible sources of such craft.

Yes - I feel sure that Jessup got dangerously near to something, and lost his life as a result. And - Yes! - I entirely share Paul Norman's suspicions.

The modern generation of UFO researchers probably know nothing about Jessup or his work, and nothing about this "water problem". This is bound to happen, since human life is so ephemeral - relatively not much longer than the life of a midge. "As for man, his days are as grass, as a flower ..." This is why so much wisdom and knowledge from the past are constantly being lost, and this is why poor old *Homo Sap.* (self-dubbed) has never been able to take a proper look at himself and make a far more realistic appraisal of his own lowly place in the "Csmic Scheme of Things". - G.C.

ON THE U.F.O. TRAIL

Paul B. Norman

On 15th April, 1981, a motorist was travelling toward Maffra, eastern Victoria, when he saw what he thought at first were the lights of a car that had run off the road near a bridge. When he came along side of the lights he saw a silver object lit up by a yellow light on it's dome. The driver then panicked and fled in fear.

The following day three circles were found precisely where the man had seen the object. Samples taken by field investigator Pat Gildea were analysed and it was found that nothing natural had caused the physical traces. However, grains of super phosphate were scattered around and inside the 17 foot circles. No super phosphate had been spread in that particular paddock. The same type of phosphate had been found in a paddock a few kilometres away.

The sheep in the paddock where the sighting had taken place had broken out in panic. The horse, a normally quiet animal, could not be caught for sometime afterwards. It is suspected that the phosphate grains came from one of the other paddocks and the UFO perhaps landed in one of the paddocks before flying to the spots where the rings were found.

UFOs had been active for some time in this same area. On April 4th, a man was filling his petrol tank when he observed a flashing red light about 800 metres from his house. The object was flying around the area at fence height. He observed it for a few minutes then turned his headlights in that direction. The red light immediately changed to a white light and sped off in a northerly direction.

The incident took place at only about 15 km from the farm where a tank-shaped object hovered over a 10,000 gallon corrugated concrete water tank on 30 September, 1980. The tank had been full on the day before. Only one foot of water was left in the tank. Algae normally found on the bottom was stuck to the inside wall of the tank, indicating that the water had been pulled through the uncovered top.

Rocks, which the farmers had thrown against the tank to get them away from the mowers, had been pulled away from the tank. They were found lying along a path from the tank to the 30 foot circle left by the UFO. Obviously, this was caused by a gravitational or similar force produced by the UFO.

By studying these and other cases from around the world, do we have a clue which helps us to explain the dust left on the Knowles car during their encounter? It is interesting to note that samples vacuumed from the car which Dr. Richard Haines presented to the state of the art, high-tech Philips Laboratory in America, contained fibers that indicated the possibility that atomic element 85 (At Astatine) had been present soon after the encounter.

The possibility that a health hazard did exist at that time was also indicated when the four people in the car along with their two dogs (as well as another man who had handled the dust about one hour later) all became ill and were treated by doctors. One was admitted to hospital.

Dedicated sceptics tend to ignore these possible clues.

However, VUFORS has pursued investigations and has found that similar fibers have been found in samples taken from the area of Maralinga, where in the past atomic bomb tests have been carried out. Maralinga is only 300 km (180 miles) at the crow (or UFO) flies from the spot on the Nullarbor Plain where the Knowles encounter took place.

Followup on this interesting and important case is still continuing, as time and funds permit.



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The Victorian U.F.O. Research Society (VUFORS), is interested in receiving reports from witnesses who have observed unidentified flying objects at close range and/or experiences related to the strange phenomenon. Names will be kept confidential.

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The USO Phenomenon

By George Wild

IN THIS MAJOR RESEARCH PAPER, GEORGE WILD EXAMINES THE POSSIBILITY THAT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS COULD BE BASED IN THE OCEANS OF OUR WORLD.

For many years now arguments have raged over the concept of an undersea base or bases and the case for underwater craft. Is there a case for this hypothesis?

I believe there is good reason to look at the evidence for USOs (Unidentified submarine objects). I have long felt this to be a much neglected area. I would, as always, welcome your comments and observations as I find this to be of great assistance in giving you, the reader, the opportunity to tell us what you want in your magazine (through the editor's letters page, please).

UNIDENTIFIED SUBMARINE OBJECTS (USOs)

Since the end of World War One, Navies of the world have sighted and attempted to apprehend a large number of undersea craft, some of gigantic proportions and vastly superior to anything they themselves possess. Strangely, these craft have mostly been seen in certain areas of the globe - notably the waters of Scandinavia and off the Eastern coast of South America. They have, of course, also been seen worldwide, but the named areas have been most frequented.

Examining the situation, do we accept that the craft are terrestrial or are from elsewhere? Analyse the evidence, judge the facts, then decide. There are certainly unidentified craft entering and using two-thirds of our planet that we humans have given scant regard to over the centuries.

When we mention submarines and Scandinavian water, many readers will recall the events of November, 1981, when, after being hunted in Swedish waters and trapped off Karlskrona, a Soviet captain ran his submarine aground. He claimed 'faulty steering'. Totally unconvincing, his excuse fooled no one. It is certain that the Russians encroach into other countries territorial waters, but are they really capable of the USO technology presented here? It could well be that the Russians may have been blamed unjustifiably for many of the unidentified submarines seen pre-1950.

The performance and behavior of USO incidents contained in our study out-maneuvre and totally out-perform conventional submarines

in exactly the same way the UFO does with conventional aircraft in the skies they have dominated for years.

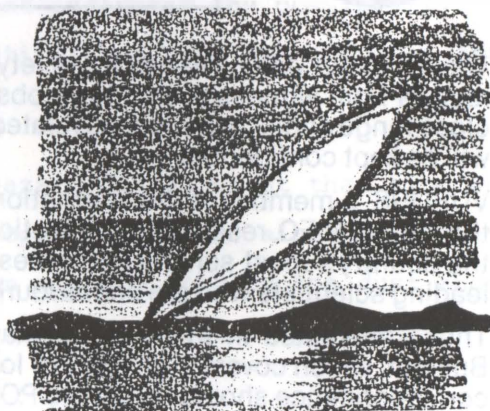
The maximum recorded speed for our latest submarines is, I believe, still around the forty-five knots mark (50mph), yet USOs have been detected travelling at five times that speed underwater.

To quote an American official report:

"Whilst on manoeuvres in the North Atlantic in 1963 the US aircraft-carrier WASP and twelve other vessels detected an enormous underwater craft travelling at the incredible speed of 150 knots or 175 miles per hour."

The USO stayed with them for four days! And was recorded diving to an incredible depth of 17,000 ft (8,200 metres). The record for a dive by our submarines is 6,250 feet (1,900 metres).

In the dawn light of 7th December 1983 - residing in the Gulf of Venice, hundreds of people who had been watching strange lights at sea during the night, saw with alarm strange craft and entities emerging from the water. Panic-stricken people called the police and military. Alien beings?



ARTISTS IMPRESSION OF THE FAMOUS GRAN CANARIA USO SEEN ON 5th MARCH 1979

No, just a combined naval/air exercise with amphibious craft and troops. On this occasion the incident had a satisfactory explanation, but let us look at some other cases without natural explanations.

Monitored off the coast of Chile during July 1972, a USO was cruising at a depth of 3,300 ft (1,000 metres), far in excess of the depth conventional submarines cruise.

Was it a USO that taunted the Norwegian Navy in November 1972, penetrating 90 miles into Norwegian fiords?

For some three weeks the Norwegian Navy hunted the USO relentlessly, assisted by NATO ships and aircraft whose radar repeatedly tracked the intruder until seemingly trapping it in the Sogne fiord. Several dozen ships and helicopters moved in for the kill as depth charges poured into the fiord, but amazingly the USO was able to resist surfacing (an impossibility for a conventional craft). The USO slipped away from its tormentors with consummate ease, something else it has in common with its airborne counterpart.

Two USOs were reported to be in the Luster and Aurlands fiords on the 23rd November that same year. Large dark shapes were reported by spotter planes and a warship also tracked the objects with sonar. That night, six red 'rockets' were observed being fired from below the surface and red and green lights in the sky were reported. Then on November 24th, combined Norwegian and NATO forces moved in again in a concerted effort to eliminate the USOs. From the sea and air, depth charges and delayed-action mines were dropped into the killing zone.

What happened next was extraordinary. An extremely powerful unknown force totally devastated all communications, jamming signals and rendering all radar inoperative throughout the entire fleet.

The attempt to use force by the military had resulted in a supreme show of devastating power from an unidentified source.

On the 27th of November, Norwegian authorities issued a statement, unique in its honest appraisal of the event. They admitted the shambles, and stated the obvious - two USOs had left, unseen, unidentified, and unharmed.

The ceaseless reconnaissance carried out by NATO forces and other major powers in the search for hostile missile-carrying submarines must be yielding large numbers of USO sightings from military personnel. But the chances of these reports being made available to the public, and who picks up the bill for the military costs via taxes etc., is NIL.

POSSIBLE LOCATIONS OF USO BASES

UFO writer and researcher John Keel believes 'someone' is operating clandestine underwater bases on this planet. He believes that these bases may be located in the regions above the Arctic Circle. The late Jim and Coral Lorenzen, founders of Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation (APRO), believed that USO phenomenon stems from extraterrestrials carrying out mining and mapping operations, having been brought here by UFOs from other planets - establishing bases off the coasts of most major countries such as Venezuela, Italy, Norway, Sweden, North and South America, and the Antarctic continent.

British born marine biologist and world famous writer, the late lamented Ivan T. Sanderson, founder of the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained (SITU), put forward his own theory, contrary to the ETH (Extraterrestrial Hypothesis) in his book 'INVISIBLE RESIDENTS', published in 1970, in which he presented some of the material we have been examining.

He suggested that beneath the oceans could live a far older race than human kind, possibly descended from a life-form that did not leave the primeval seas to develop on land, but remained to develop more rapidly underwater.

Being many of millions of years ahead of humanity, they avoid direct contact with the primitive life, MANKIND, on the planets surface, and have developed their own technology to the point where they can now easily make interstellar journeys in their craft, which we know as UFOs and USOs.

A very interesting theory which I am sure many researchers have considered, including myself, in the never-ending search for the truth.

In 1973 The Argentine Society for the investigation of unusual phenomena stated that 'following years of investigation and research they are now certain that machines from another world have established undersea bases in the Gulf of San Matias and the Gulf of San Jorge on the Patagonian coast'. Numerous sightings of giant USOs entering and leaving these two sites are legion.

In Venezuela, volumes have been written about the enormous number of USOs diving into and leaving the Caribbean Sea to such an extent that observers (including officials) are certain undersea bases exist there, probably in great numbers. Although opinions vary as to the exact locations, some favour the deep ocean while others favour coastal shallows, where it was reported by a pilot that he had seen gigantic 'mother-ships' on the sea bed.

On the night of 1st August 1962, French fishermen from the Mediterranean port of Le Brusc were out in their boats at 11.00 pm on a calm clear night. About 300 metres (330 yards) away, a huge metallic craft appeared on the surface. The men excitedly discussed it amongst themselves, most feeling it must be a submarine, but others disagreed as it was totally unlike any submarine they had ever seen. The water next to the craft became disturbed and a dozen 'frogmen' emerged from the water and climbed onto the strange craft.

The Frenchmen shouted a friendly greeting, but the strangers ignored them and began to enter the vessel until the last one was about to enter. Before doing so he turned towards the fishermen and raised his right arm in salute. Then he too entered the craft.

Then the most amazing thing they had ever seen occurred - the craft lifted off the surface of the water and hovered a few feet above the waves. Red and green lights started flashing around the rim of the craft as it started to revolve from left to right. As it did so, the body of the craft started to glow with an orange light. The fishermen watched in total amazement, the USO made a graceful arc above the sea and accelerated rapidly away into the sky until it became a distant dot of light in seconds.

EVIDENCE ON THE SEA BED?

The origin of these mysterious USOs and their crews remains unknown, but clues to their nocturnal wanderings may be gleaned from artefacts left behind on the sea bed.

One example is a shiny metal cylinder 23 feet long (7 metres) and 10 feet (3 m) in diameter that a Spanish aqualung diver found on the sea bed on the Spanish Mediterranean coast in July 1970. The totally smooth surface was so clean it looked brand new. On his return the next day with supplies (to enable him to stay longer) the object had gone. He searched the area fully but it had disappeared.

A similar object may have been found by Martin Meylach, a treasure hunter, on the coast of Miami, Florida, USA, in September 1966, which he described as a large, cylindrical object. Rather unfortunately Martin reported the object to the Coast Guard and subsequently the US Air Force became involved, with the result that when Martin returned the next day with a crew and lifting tackle, the object had not surprisingly vanished.

In April 1967, two Danish boys reported seeing a UFO drop several objects into the Kattegat Strait near Sjaellands Odde, 50 miles northeast of Copenhagen. Authorities rushed divers into the area, matter was recovered, and in a terse statement (more than we get now), a spokesman announced that the finds were 'interesting' materials including 'lime and an inorganic 'coal', combined in a manner totally unknown to us.'. The spokesman probably thought he had said rather more than he intended, as he would not be drawn further.

Lorentz Johnson observed a 'glowing cigar' drop two long objects into the waters of Namsen fiord, Norway, on a December day in 1959. UFO investigators using sonar found an object 20 ft long (6 m) by 7 ft (2.1 m) high, but at a depth of over 300 ft (90 m), far too difficult for divers to reach. They did however report they had seen 'wheel tracks' on the bottom leading out to sea!

In June 1970, a UFO was seen to land on the surface of the water off Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and was seen to take off, leaving behind a large red cylinder in the water which slowly began to sink. A police launch arrived quickly on the scene to recover the cylinder (not without difficulty). As usual in these cases, it was impossible to discover if anything of interest was discovered. Apparently governments of the world show a great curiosity for these underwater activities, but how much they have learned from salvaged items we may never know.

MORE VISITORS

On Sunday 27th June 1970, at 11.38 am, Senhor Aristeu Machado and his five daughters were on the veranda of the family home in Rio de Janeiro, from where they had a splendid view overlooking the South Atlantic Ocean. Suddenly a craft appeared on the surface - initially they thought the object was a speedboat (a 'ten-a-penny' sight in that area). There were two occupants clearly visible who seemed to be signalling to them by waving their arms.

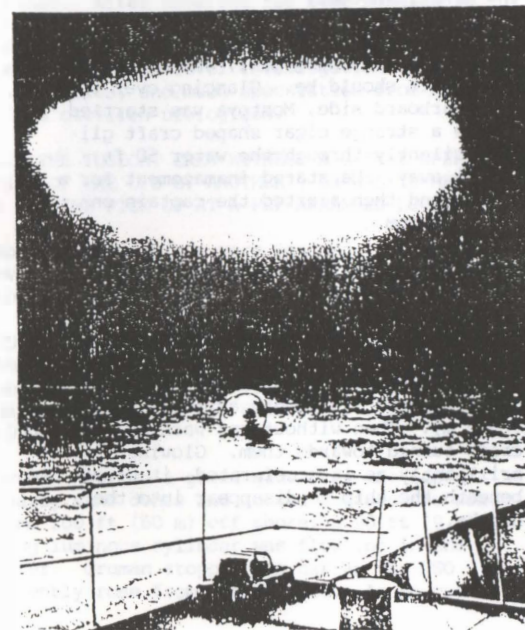
They were strangely dressed in silver suits, wearing something on their heads. The craft was metallic, silver in colour, about 20 ft long, and had a transparent 'dome'. One

strange feature they noticed was the craft did not go up or down as would any other boat in the strong swell; it just stayed motionless.

Mr. Machado believed the occupants to be in difficulties due to the frantic waving so he telephoned the harbour police. Shortly after returning to the veranda, he noticed the object was clearly disc shaped, the craft having moved considerably closer to shore during his short absence. Suddenly the object (having been on the surface some 45 minutes) abruptly took off, skimming the water for 300 yards as it did so, retracting a hexagonal shaped appendage into the undercarriage.

The shocked family noticed that as the craft took off the whole object became transparent with the two occupants clearly visible. A number of lights were now flashing in sequences of green, yellow, red. The whole event had taken place in total silence.

On the sea where the craft had been was a white hoop-shaped object about the size of a trunk (or chest). Suddenly the hoop sank, only to reappear with a yellow, oval shaped section separated from it which



DURING THE SUMMER OF 1980, CREW MEMBERS ON-BOARD THE SHIP 'CAIOBO-SEAHORSE' OBSERVED AN UNUSUAL OBJECT 'FLOATING' ON THE WATER OFF THE COAST OF BRAZIL.

THE PHENOMENON WAS FLASHING ON AND OFF AND APPEARED TO BE SIGNALLING. SHORTLY AFTER ANOTHER OBJECT SLOWLY DESCENDED. BOTH OBJECTS THEN JOINED EACH OTHER AND MOVED AWAY OUT TO SEA.

followed about a yard behind. After remaining stationary for about three minutes, it began to move towards the shore. A green flange to the rear of the object separated and followed about a yard behind. After fifteen minutes the yellow oval was about 130 yards from shore when it made a right angle turn to its left and headed straight for the beach - a movement totally against the prevailing current.

The white hoop had submerged several times but now it was heading straight for the beach as if to link up with the yellow object. At this stage the harbour police arrived in the launch from nearby Fort Copacabana. At the appearance of the police, the white hoop, yellow oval, and green flange hurriedly submerged. The police, however, went straight to where the object had stood in the water and hastily removed a long, red cylinder. They then made off at speed to their base.

A strange story indeed, but with enough detail to highlight the odd behavior of the apparatus left behind by the UFO/USO.

ITALY WAS ONE OF THE COUNTRIES NAMED AS POSSIBLY 'HOUSING' A USO BASE OFFSHORE, SO IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT WE SHOULD TAKE A LOOK AT A REPORT FROM THIS PART OF THE WORLD:

During 1978 there was a great wave of UFO sightings over Italy - more than 500 reports. Even after the usual number had been explained satisfactorily, some of which were hoaxes, quite a large amount of unexplained UFO activity had certainly taken place, rising to a peak in the last three months of the year.

Along the Adriatic coast, the reported phenomena included columns of water rising to a height of 100 ft, circles of red and white lights following fishing boats at night, illuminated USOs underwater and on the surface, emerging and diving deep into the sea.

USOs were said to be the cause of electrical interference on radar, radio, and television equipment. Fishermen refused to go to sea without naval protection. On the evening of 9th November 1978, Nello di Valento, captain of an Italian naval boat sent to patrol the coast, saw, with two of his men, a brilliant red light emerge from beneath the sea, 1,100 yards (1,000 metres) away. It rose to a height of 1,00 - 1,300 ft (300 - 400 metres) and then flew swiftly away. Whilst this was

happening, all radio communication to the shore was disrupted.

Another USO hunt, similar to those reported in Norwegian waters, took place in 1960 in the Nuevo Gulf. For some two weeks the Argentinian Navy chased two mystery submarines, originally presumed to be Russian but their speed and manoeuvrability caused the authorities to think again. Due to the continuous UFO and USO sightings along this coastline, locals were referring openly to the 'Martians' who they believed operated from underwater bases.

Eight months earlier in Buenos Aires harbour, the naval authorities had been having trouble with a large, fast, and very manoeuvrable USO that was shaped like a fish and silver in colour. Its distinctive feature was a large vertical fin such as might be seen on an airliner. They knew what it looked like because they were able to send divers down to examine the craft, but were not able to identify it.

On the evening of 30th July 1967, Jorge Montoya was officer on duty on the Argentinian ship "Naviero" as it steamed in the South Atlantic 120 miles (190 km) from the Brazilian coast.

The off-duty officers and crew were below having their evening meal, and all was calm as it should be. Glancing over to the starboard side, Montoya was startled to see a strange cigar shaped craft gliding silently through the water 50 ft (15 m) away. He stared in amazement for a moment and then alerted the captain on the intercom.

When Captain Julian Ardanza arrived on deck, the mysterious craft was silently running alongside the ship. The two men studied it for 15 minutes as it held its position. The craft glowed with a brilliant bluish-white light and left no wake. The estimated length was about 110 ft (33.5 m). Then without any warning, the craft turned towards them. Glowing brilliantly as it accelerated, it dived beneath the ship to disappear into the depths.

In a subsequent press interview, the captain said that it was certainly not a conventional submarine nor a whale, and that in twenty years of sailing he had never before seen anything like it.

One of the most dramatic cases in the USO files occurred on the night of 26th July 1980.

The tugboat 'Caioba-Seahorse' was on a routine journey 60 miles (95 kilometres) from the Brazilian coast, when the first mate suddenly became aware of a grey object 30 ft (10 m) in diameter floating on the surface straight ahead.

At the same time a bright light could be seen over the sea, rapidly approaching them. The first mate quickly changed direction to avoid a collision with the floating object, which displayed various coloured lights - yellow, red, green, and blue.

The bright light had now reached them and could be seen as a glowing oval craft hovering silently above the floating USO. The tugboat's engines had stopped and the crew watched with fear and fascination as the USO slowly descended onto the floating USO. A link-up took place, the USO lights went out, and the two bodies (now joined) rose up together. After hovering for some minutes in the area the USO, with its 'load', swept rapidly out to sea. This event naturally prompted a high-level investigation by naval authorities, and much speculation from Brazil's civilian ufologists.

DID THE TUGBOAT CREW WITNESS A RESCUE OPERATION OF ONE UFO BY ANOTHER? OR WAS IT MERELY A ROUTINE PICK UP AT A PRE-ARRANGED LOCALITY?

No firm conclusions were reached, but whatever the authorities found out, they kept it to themselves.

USOs have also been sighted off the North American coast, one witness being 19 year old Wesley Gruman who was driving to Oak Bluff, Massachusetts, on the evening of 27th March, 1979.

Gruman noticed a green glow over the top of nearby sand dunes and looked towards the sea. Some 200 ft (60 m) off shore, a 30 ft (9 m) long luminous cylinder was floating in the water. Gruman stopped his car as the USO silently rose from the surface. As he got

out to observe its ascent, he decided to get his powerful hand lamp from the car, but found he could move only his head. This paralysis lasted only until the USO had moved out of sight. He also noticed two other strange effects. The first was a low frequency hum that his AM car radio had emitted during the sighting, and the second was the behavior of his wristwatch. The hand-wound calendar watch had been three days ahead with its date prior to his experience, but the next day it was showing the correct date and has done so ever since.

At Newport, Rhode Island, USA, John Gallagher observed something unidentified during daylight hours that was lifted or propelled out of the sea.

In April 1961, he was working on a house by the beach and noticed a red sphere suddenly pop up and start hobbling on the surface of the water. Intrigued, he went up to the second floor for a better view. He could see that it was about 200 yards (180 metres) off-shore, drifting seawards. Suddenly it rose steadily to a height of about 60 ft (18 m), hovered, and then, accelerating to about 100 mph (160 km/h), moved in a direct line out to sea. Gallagher described it as "under some control"

The average depth of the seas and oceans is 2 miles (3 kilometres). Man has barely begun to explore this untapped continent, while vast resources are poured into the exploration of space and Star Wars technology [in some peoples view, to keep unwelcome visitors out]. Yet here is a vast area in all probability already occupied by non-residents of this planet. So let us continue with our study and hopefully unearth more clues to this most mystifying of events.

USOs IN LAKES, RIVERS, AND RESERVOIRS

It should be obvious to anyone, the value of undersea bases for a civilization that is technologically advanced and secretive about its desires to share our planet without our will. What about the USOs that appear to inhabit lakes and other areas of water, quite often in populated areas, entering and leaving as they like?

There was a mass sighting on the Araguari River in Brazil, in November 1980, when more than 70 people waiting for a ferry saw a solid object at ft (5 m) in diameter rise from under the water. For some four minutes it hovered at a height of 650 ft (200 m), and then slowly moved out over the sea. At one point it moved to within 100 ft (30 m) of the bank.

On October 31st 1963, 8 year old Rute de Souza was playing near her home in Santos, Brazil. She heard a roaring noise growing louder. Looking around, she saw a silver disc coming towards the nearby River Pero-pava. On its way into the river the disc collided with the top of a tree and began to spin, twist, and wobble in the air. The shocked child saw the disc plunge into the water.

Rute turned to run home and met her mother, who was on her way down to the river after hearing the nose of the collision. She was closely followed by the child's uncle, Raul de Souza. The three of them stood transfixed as they watched the surface of the water boiling at the point of entry made by the UFO. This was followed by an eruption of muddy water. The family were not the only witnesses: on the opposite bank to the river a number of fishermen had watched the spectacle.

One of the fishermen gave a description to investigators: "It was shaped like a wash basin, about 25 ft in diameter, it had been no more than 20 ft off the river when it hit the tree." The authorities soon had a search team out to recover the presumed 'wrecked' UFO. They expected the object to be waiting on the bottom of the river, but divers could find nothing in only 15 ft of water. Finally engineers were called out to search with metal detectors but without success. The UFO had become a USO and like all the others had slipped away.

USOs have been observed in the numerous lakes of Sweden. In Bullaren Lake, Bohuslan, locals reported seeing a silver disc with a clear perspex or glass dome entering and leaving the water over a long period of time.

There were reports coming in of a USO more than 50 ft in length regularly observed in Lake Rasvalen. Red and green lights were observed on the USO which was moving in and out of the water.

At Lake Stensjon in Ostergotland, witnesses saw a huge object with a 'conning tower' that had a phenomenal turn of speed.

On a sunny after noon on 16th May 1981, a man (who requested to remain anonymous) saw a 'typical' UFO rise out of the Thompson River near Kamloops, British Columbia. The witness was quietly fishing when he heard a noise "like water being poured into a hot frying pan." The strange craft emerged from the frothing water about 100 yards offshore.

With rapid acceleration, the UFO flew up and over his head and quickly departed. As it did so there was a pattering sound - "pellets" from the UFO rained down around him. He collected some of the material, which was taken away for analysis by the Centre for UFO Studies (CUFOS) in Illinois USA. At the end of 1981 the results were still to be announced. The name, address, and honesty of this witness were known to the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek, then Director of CUFOS.

The driver and passengers of a London bus had a perfect view when a silver cigar shaped USO dived into the River Lea after cutting through telephone wires and gouging a 3 ft 'scar' into the concrete bank. Bob Fall was driving his number 123 bus towards Tottenham on the 13th April 1964, when the USO dived across the road in front of him and landed in the river. The police found nothing when they dragged the 6 ft (2 m) deep river. Later they suggested the driver had seen a flight of ducks! [A negative suggestion, but no mention was given to the 3 ft of smashed concrete.]

In March 1965 on the St Lawrence River, Quebec, Canada, Captain Clude Laurin of Quebecair and his co-pilot observed a huge underwater craft. The captain remarked, "it was unlike any other I have seen." For nearly five minutes they circled the area waiting to land, and they could see the USO under the surface over 200 miles (320 km) from the open sea.

A situation impossible to perceive for a submarine, and in any case it goes without saying that there were no Canadian

or allied submarines so far from patrol areas. Canadian government sources stated categorically "no Iron Curtain submarines could penetrate anywhere into Canadian waters undetected."

On the 23rd May 1969, three eye-witnesses watched 'round silver shining object with flashing red lights' dive into the St Lawrence River. A police frogman team 'found nothing.'

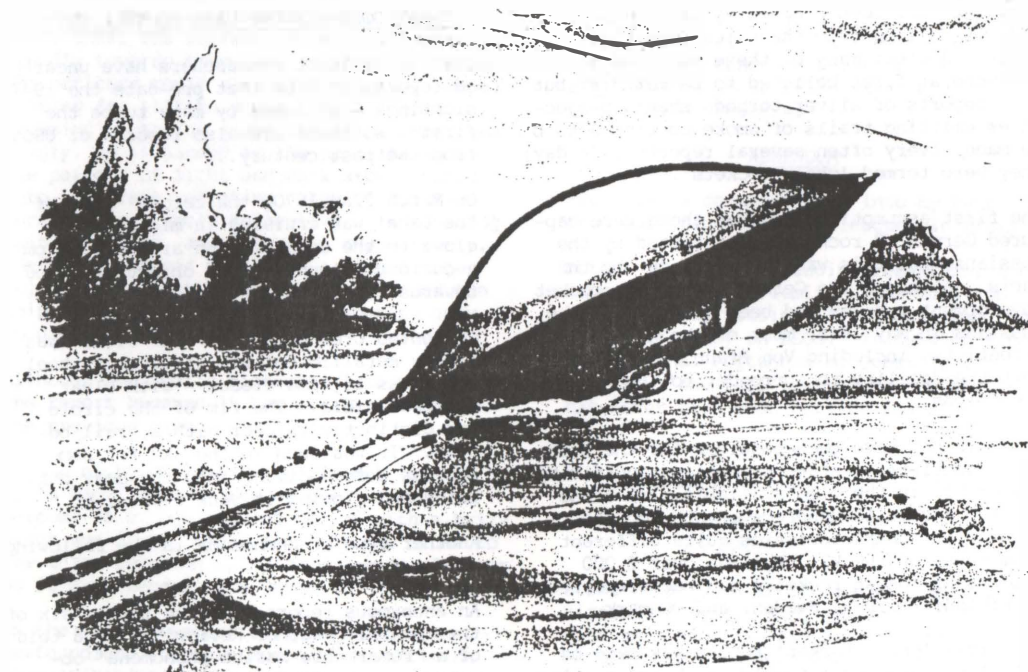
The possibility that some UFOs may need to cool their over-heated structures is persuasively supported by the following report: In the summer of 1967, a cub master and his troop were camping on the shore of a quiet lake 20 miles (32 km) from St John, New Brunswick, Canada.

Through the gathering dusk came a UFO shaped like two saucers or plates placed face to face with lights flashing red, orange, green and blue around its edge. As the UFO touched the water and sank, there was a loud 'sizzling'

noise. The lake had always been clear, containing as it does fresh water from the mountain snow. The next morning, the water was muddy and quite warm.

The power of these enigmatic machines [if machines they are] seems to be immense, as the following reports from the ice-clad waters of Sweden indicate. On April 30th 1976, between 5.15 - 5.30 pm, three witnesses watched a 30 ft (9 m) long, dark grey object plough across Lake Siljan in central Sweden, cutting a channel through the 8" (20 cm) thick ice. The channel was 12 ft (3.6 m) wide and ran across the lake for more than half a mile (800 m). As the USO ripped through the ice at about 60mph (95 km/h), ice blocks and water cascaded up on either side.

Eight years earlier, on 5th April 1968, the Times newspaper reported that "something incredibly powerful has smashed a huge hole through the ice covering a lake in Central Sweden, but scientists and



SPECTACULAR USO SEEN OFF THE COAST OF RIO DE JANEIRO BRAZIL JUNE 1970

military experts are uncertain about what it was." Two local people had found the hole, which was 700 square yards (585 square metres) in area, near Malung.

Leading the investigation was Colonel Curt Hermansson, who said that "an aircraft crash was out of the question as there were no traces around the hole, only big blocks of ice which have been thrown upwards and out, indicating that whatever made the hole was immensely powerful."

The fact that 3 ft (1 m) thick ice had been thrown upward suggests that something incredibly powerful may have come up from below - but who can be certain? Divers who went down could find nothing on the lake bottom to explain the mystery. A few days later another large hole was found in the ice covering Lake Serna, and that too became a mystery.

It is not so surprising that the authorities assumed the holes were caused by something falling into the water. For years the Scandinavians had been plagued by unidentified objects falling from the skies into their lakes. A great many of these occurred in 1946 and were at first believed to be meteors, but when reports of silver torpedo shaped projectiles emitting trails of smoke continued to be made, (very often several reports in a day) they were termed 'ghost rockets'.

The first assumption was that these were captured German V2 rockets being tested by the Russians, but this was not borne out by the facts. Although the German Peenemunde rocket development complex had been occupied by the Russians in May 1945, most of the key German scientists, including Von Braun, had already left the facility to surrender to the American forces.

It would not have been possible for the Russian scientists to start assembling and firing V1s or V2s in the time available, let alone develop and build hundreds of NEW rockets with flight characteristics quite different from those of the V2. By 1946 over 2,000 reports of 'ghost rockets' had been reported in Finland, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark.

A typical 'ghost rocket' report was made on July 19th 1946, by a family who heard a noise 'like a mighty wind', and saw two rockets 7ft (2 m) long and stubby 3 ft (1 m) wings half-

way down their bodies, sweep overhead and dive into Lake Mjosa, 60 miles (90 km) north of Oslo, Norway. A crater was seen at the lake bottom, but dredging by the military authorities found nothing more.

The ghost rockets were tracked on radar as they made abrupt changes of direction, but were rarely seen to crash. When they did, it was always into lakes, yet no wreckage was ever found, despite intensive searches. [For those who would pursue this line of enquiry, see advert in Quest for Mark Birdsall's epic 60 page report: Foo Fighters and Ghost Rockets]. Although no crashed rockets were ever found, one observer did recover objects seen to fall from a rocket. He handed these to a member of the Swedish General Staff and they were subsequently examined by the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough. In great excitement, the scientists reported that the sample contained over ninety-eight percent of unknown elements.

"WHAT DOES HISTORY HAVE TO TELL US?"

Just as diligent researchers have unearthed reports of UFOs that pre-date the 1947 sightings - believed by many to be the first - so there are also reports of USOs from the past century...

On March 22nd 1870, the barque 'Lady of the Lake' was cruising in mid-Atlantic close to the equator when around 7.00 pm a curious 'cloud' shaped object appeared towards the south-east.

Commented crew members: "the 'cloud' was a grey metallic colour, distinctly wheel shaped as it came closer - with clear spokes visible. The rim of the circle was distinctly thicker with a trail behind. It was seen in the sky for some 45 minutes before diving into the sea, bubbling and glowing it sank from sight."

Another type of phenomena is the following report from 1908!

An anonymous report in issue thirty-six of the 'Monthly Weather Review' of 1908 told of a 'remarkable marine phenomena' observed by the SS Dover as it steamed from Mobile, Alabama to Tampa, Florida, USA.

Some 35 miles (56 km) from Mobile, around 7pm,, the ship's crew suddenly found themselves surrounded by glowing, alternating, blue, red, and green lights. Remarkd one man, "the colours were so brilliant that the vessel was illuminated as if she was covered in arc lights," seemingly emanating from the revolving circle underneath the ship.

We must be aware that in tropical waters, strange phosphorescent effects can occur that are entirely natural from the luminescence of countless tiny marine organisms, but surely not red, blue, and green - and all revolving in a huge circle!

A more remarkable version of the same type of incident took place on the 27th of September 1959. Reported by Captain W. Rutherford of the SS 'Stanvac Bangkok' on a voyage from the Pacific Ocean islands of Fiji to Indonesia.

Around midnight the vessel was sailing through a fleet of fishing boats and the officers on watch were keeping a sharp lookout through binoculars. They saw flashing broad beams of light under the surface of the water coming rapidly towards them, and as they came closer the officers could clearly see a huge shape, looking for all the world like a 'zebra crossing', passing under the ship. More amazingly, as it passed to the opposite side, the pattern of light and dark areas turned into two giant radiating 'wheels' slowly turning about their respective axis rotating anti-clockwise, and clockwise respectively. Then they changed back into a single huge object, brilliantly lit, which followed the ship for several miles before veering away to disappear into the depths.

Although not really historic, I have included the report because it has similarities with the previous case.

On the night of 24th February 1885, in the N North Pacific, the crew of the 'Innervich' watched as a huge glowing object with a brilliant red light, dived into the sea close to the ship, throwing up a large volume of water as it sank beneath the waves.

On the 12th November 1887, near Cape Race, Newfoundland, Captain Moore of the British ship 'Siberian' watched for five minutes as a large ball of 'fire' rose up out of the ocean to climb to a height of 50ft (15 m). "It hovered, against the prevailing wind, before it

departed at great speed."

In recent history, in the Summer of 1942, a Royal Australian Air Force pilot was on flying patrol off the Tasman Peninsula late one afternoon, following reports by fishermen of strange lights on the sea at night in Bass Strait. At 5.50 pm an unidentified object came out of a cloud bank which the pilot described as 'a singular airfoil of glistening bronze colour' about 150ft (45 m) in length and 50ft (15 m) in diameter, with a dome on top that reflected sunlight. The UFO flew alongside the plane for a few minutes, then suddenly turned away at 'a hell of a pace.' It made another turn, then dived straight away into the ocean, throwing up 'a regular whirlpool of waves.'

These and other reports suggest that UFOs can become USOs and vice versa.

An interesting selection of reports and all diverse in content. Human technology or a very advanced intelligence? One thing is certain, we shall be lucky to receive assistance of any kind from official sources whose files must be bulging with similar reports.

ADDENDUM

Recently, a document came into my hands from our friends and colleagues in Brazil.

Marcos A. Petit, a leading researcher and investigator for Fluminense Association of Ufological Studies (AFEU) has completed a similar study on USOs. Translated from the original Portuguese by Quest in its entirety, the full text of Marcos's work has never been seen outside Brazil.

A THEORY ABOUT UFO SUBMARINE BASES ON OUR PLANET

MARCOS A. PETIT
UFO MAGAZINE - BRAZIL

First of all, we should weigh some significant points. Many 'experts' put forward as a negative argument to the existence of UFO phenomena the fact that it is unbelievable that interstellar craft in their thousands would cross the cosmic abyss to reach Earth and, after a swift flight through some areas, or more direct

contacts, even more superficial, would then return to their own worlds. We should point out, first of all that this reasoning has its flaws. We can't in any way accept that UFOs cross the interstellar spaces having only a technology similar to our own civilization. Therefore the difficulties that we imagine are probably non-existent. They could perhaps reach fabulous distances in mere minutes! On the other hand, the detractors of ufology seem to fail to recognize that, according to estimates, there are in our Galaxy more than 600 million planets which are habitable, giving us plentiful sources for UFOs, making them something quite normal.

We accept, meanwhile, that it is logical if civilizations interest us in our planet and its inhabitant life-forms, kept here advanced posts, real bases for the departure of smaller craft for observation etc, should be located in the most discreet areas, if possible where our humanity is not present. Which regions will meet these requirements? The answer is clear: THE UNDERSEA DEPTHS, that until today present difficult areas for access. The reports and descriptions made by eye-witnesses of objects emerging and submerging from our oceans, seas, and other bodies of water are numerous. Following are some incidents from our files both present and historical.

EMERGING FROM WATER

1. 1980: A large number of people had the chance to watch an object of about five meters diameter, emerge from the waters of the Araguari river, 150 kilometres from Macasa, Amampa, and hover at a height of five to six meters and about a hundred meters from the shore. It remained there for four minutes, then moving out towards the Atlantic Ocean.

2. A similar incident was observed by Nelson Batista dos Santos, a federal public servant. At dawn in May 1952, he saw opposite Itaipuacu, between the islands 'Pai' and 'Filho' [known locally as father and son] an enormous structure emerge from the sea. He described it in his own words as "a machine the size of the aircraft carrier Minas Gerais." After hovering for a few moments it went towards Barra da Tijuca.

3. In 1963, as navy exercises took place in the southeast of Puerto Rico, a submarine object displacing at over 150 knots was fol-

lowing during a period of four days by a torpedo boat and later on by a naval submarine. It was impossible to catch it or to identify. It is not rare to observe these unidentified objects going under the regions waters!

Interestingly, in Florida, UFO activities are very common. During March 15th 1975, hundreds of people from the small town of Saint Johns River saw the emergence from the water of a UFO similar to the one they had reported on January 10th that closely followed a Cape Kennedy launched Polaris missile.

Several contactees have mentioned underwater entrances to vast networks of caves and tunnels connecting 'our world' with alien installations, UFO Bases. One of the more interesting experiences happened on January 3rd 1979 with Filiberto Cardenas, after he was allegedly kidnapped in Florida (USA). For the record, this is what Filiberto reported:

"I was watching while the craft was flying, then a wall opened and I could see a room with several T.V. sets with the images apparently projects in 3-D. A human being wearing a green cape was operating these, round his neck he was wearing a large gold medallion. In the chair occupied by the chief, there were knobs linked to those T.V. sets. He talked to me, but I know it was telepathy."

"It was a strange thing, so when the spaceship was swiftly moving I was watching images from several countries, in the T.V. sets. After travelling for sometime the spaceship landed somewhere and I was transferred to another smaller craft. I was paralysed and had a robot by my side. We went to a deserted beach where the robot came out of the craft. I saw when he grabbed a kind of revolver and aimed it towards a rock wall. The mountain then opened and I saw other craft leaving from the interior. The craft where I was looked larger than a Volkswagen sedan car with a large window like a windshield."

"Afterwards we plunged into the sea, where the waters opened without touching the craft's body. We continued at high speeds until reaching a large subaquatic tunnel very brightly lit, connected to a

high and dry cavern. There I was asked to leave the craft and to sit on a bench, from where I could see a snake drawing on the wall. Next to it a door opened and some small creatures came out, and kept staring at me. One of them touched my arm, and speaking to me in Spanish, explained a few things. While he was talking, we were walking and when passing by a kind of opening between two rocks, I could see a City, with streets, houses, and everything else."

"We arrived at a house in that city and I found myself 'squeezed' against a wall; but nothing was holding me as far as I could see. That wall started to move until it had converted into a type of table where although naked and paralysed I felt relaxed. From the roof some cables were hanging above me and I could feel the presence of other people next to me as if they were examining me. When that examination concluded, I was taken to a kind of auditorium where I couldn't see anybody; but I 'knew' that I was being watched through a kind of glass like a 'two way mirror' used by the police."

Sometime afterwards, Filiberto can't be precise, he boarded another craft that left him 16 kilometres from where the kidnapping took place, and was found wandering about by a police motorway patrol.

If such claims are true, the extraterrestrials are already well established here, and perhaps have been for many more years than even we could imagine! Let us now look at some further recorded cases from our historical records:

June 18th 1845: Three bright objects emerged from the sea about 800m from the Brigantine 'Victoria' which was 900 miles from Adalaia (Asis Minor). These three machines were visible for about four minutes [according to the Malta Times].

At approximately midnight on 24th February 1885, at 37 degrees latitude north, seventeen degrees longitude east, the Brigantine 'Innes's Captain and mate watched an unusually bright sphere hovering in the night sky before plunging into the sea.

At exactly 9.40pm on May 15th 1879, 'The Volture', a ship of the British Navy, was in the middle of the Persian Gulf. Members of the crew including Commander J.E. Pringle, saw

two huge luminous ring structures at each end of the ship shining up from the sea-depths. Exactly the same phenomenon was witnessed by crew members of the steamer 'Kilma' on April 4th 1901, in precisely the same position 22 years later!

At 3.00am on the morning of June 10th 1909, the steamer 'Bitang' was cruising the Malacca Straits, located between Malasia and Sumatra, when suddenly the strange phenomena of the rings appeared. Another mysterious region is the Oma Gulf, where numerous reports of strange lights shining up through the water have been reported originating from structures beneath the sea.

USOs IN THE ATLANTIC

From 1974, UFO activity began to occur in the Adriatic Sea, and with more intensity in the coastal region of Abruzzi, Italy. There was magnetic phenomena of unknown origin - numerous disappearances were reported of fishing boats and despite intense searching by rescue vessels, nothing was ever found. During the same year enigmatic luminous manifestations emerged accompanied by huge waves.

In 1978 the phenomena became even more active, to the point where local fishermen between the towns of Pescara and San Benedetto del Tronto located respectively in Abruzzi and Marche, refused to go to sea! The Italian Navy was completely dumbfounded: "Launch C.P.2018 here... seeing lilac signals rising and descending into the sea and pointing towards the sky ...we are going to the place now...we are in the place...there are no vestiges of any ships nor craft...the signal looked like a luminous beacon, but now everything is so dark." This radio communication from an Italian Navy patrol boat was picked up by a radio ham and recorded during the early evening of November 1978.

The evening of November 11th 1978: precisely between Pescara and San Benedetto del Tronto, it was possible to observe on the sea horizon a reddish light beacon, very intense, as much as to irritate the eyes. After about 45 minutes the phenomenon vanished and was replaced for about ten minutes by some blue lights, accompanied by strange noises. This phen-

omena continued for several days. In reality they preceded something fantastic.

Italy, days later, was plunged into a wave of UFO sightings coming precisely from that area of the Adriatic to overflow the Continent. Pescara, Arezzo, Rome, Passaro, Teranco, Luciano, Chieti, Compalbasso, and Palermo amongst others were effected. Thousands of people saw the UFOs. Photographs and film footage was taken. On the evening of December 21st 1978, Elias Faccin, a professional photographer, shot probably the most important photographs of that "wave". They show in details a UFO emerging from the waters of the Adriatic, proof positive?

On August 5th, 1958, a strange phenomena took place which may yet have some bearing on the issue. Brioni, August 5th 1958: Huge water columns emerged from the sea soaring hundreds of feet into the sky. The regional military authorities confirmed that no exercise, military or otherwise was taking place at that time in the region. Perhaps that phenomenon was connected to the opening of some sort of tunnel in the Adriatic?..

CONCLUSIONS

When studying the Adriatic in more detail, we find that we are not looking at large sea-depths, the sea bed is around 50 to 200 meters. Theoretically, it would be difficult to camouflage any UFO bases in the area. Perhaps the key to that mystery has been solved in Brazil.

Luli Oswald [a Brazilian UFO contactee] in the Rio state, received information about the existence of a tunnel, the entrance of which was located under the sea, in the vicinity of the Patagonian coast (Argentina). He was told it connects with 'another world'. Could this be corroborated by the accentuated appearances of numerous UFOs in the Saint Mathew and Saint George gulfs both in the Patagonian coast indicated where event today UFOs are regularly seen entering and leaving the coastal area of the sea itself? UFOs on beaches and in the sea show identical patterns emerging, similar to all other cases worldwide.

UNDERWATER BASES IN BRAZIL

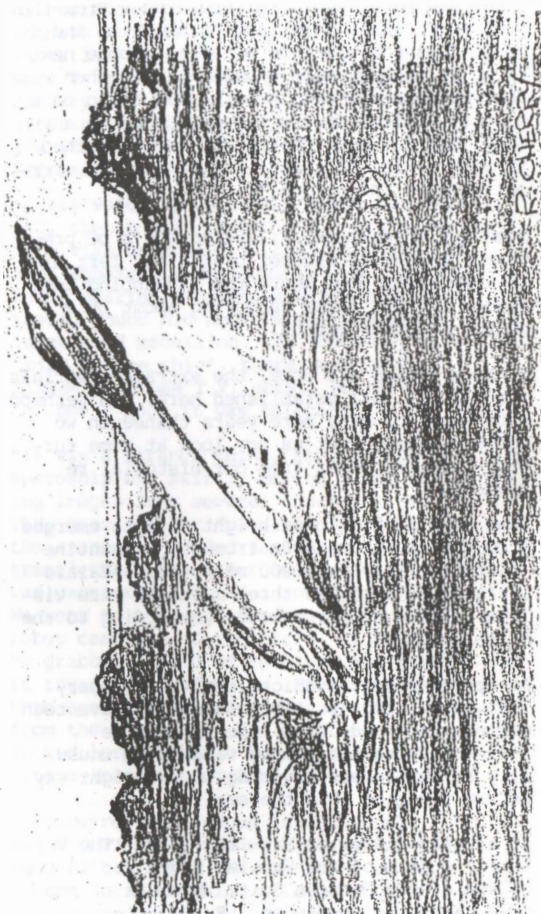
The Brazilian coast is much discussed by International UFO bodies, and with just cause. There are dozens of USO sightings - emerging,

submerging, or sometimes just diving into reservoirs, oceans and rivers. Some of these cases are fantastic: huge UFOs have been reportedly seen to enter the sea in front of THOUSANDS of bathers, like happened in Santos [SP].

In other cases, UFOs have been pursued by F.A.B. (Brazilian Air Force) fighters, and by their Naval ships. It is alleged some have been recovered and their contents kept secret as happened in Recife [PE].

MY THANKS TO MARCO A. PETIT FOR THIS MATERIAL FROM BRAZIL, AND "UFO".

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MULTIPLE GROUND & AIR RINGS PHENOMENON DISCOVERED

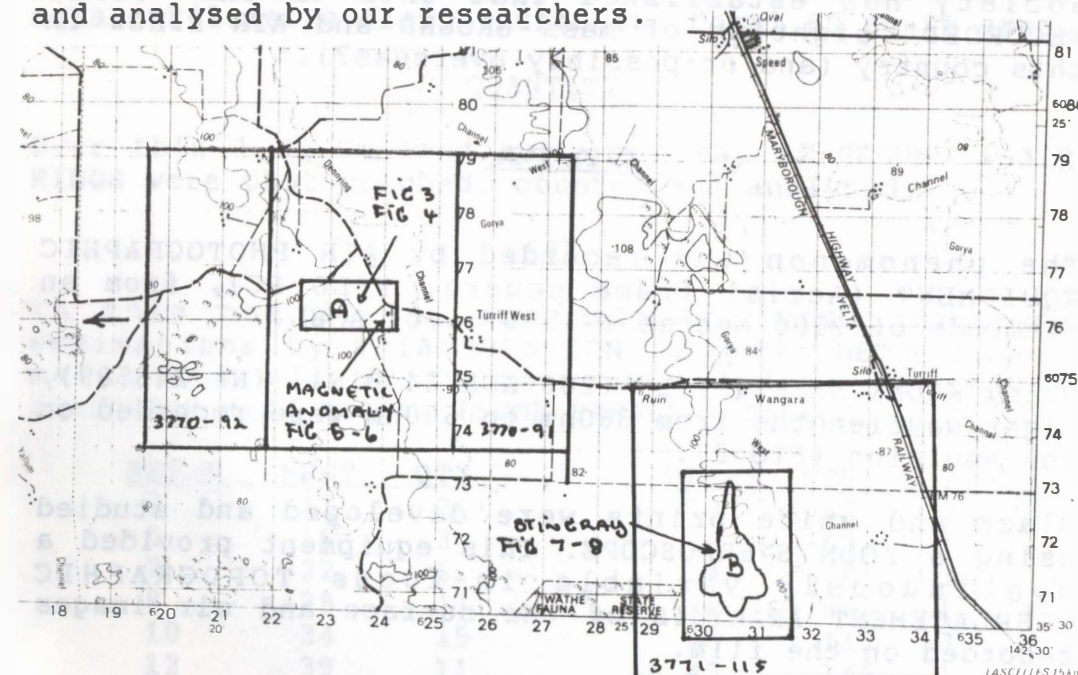
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BY JOHN AUCHETTL

DISCOVERY

An amazing RING PHENOMENON has been discovered by V.U.F.O.R.S. in the MALLEE DISTRICT of Victoria, that has Australian Scientist and UFO Researchers at a loss. (See Map FIG 1.)

Over a 60 square kilometre land surface area, more than 400 GROUND & AIR RINGS have been professionally photographed by an independent Government organization and analysed by our researchers.



: FIG 1. TURRIFF - MALLEE AREA WHERE GROUND AND AIR RING WERE FOUND AND PHOTOGRAPHED.

* 1 GRID SQ = 1 SQ Km

The majority of the rings were on the land surface. However, some are in a three dimensional pattern in the air above specific locations in the area concerned.

Not only was there an amazing quantity of these rings, but they are of tremendous size and structural volume.

The majority of the rings are dark translucent ground circles. The others were recorded as three dimensional (solid?) objects. Although NOT confirmed as yet, some of the rings displayed "SURFACE STRUCTURAL FEATURES".

Two RECTANGLE ground marks were also found. Numerous 'WHEAT RINGS' and 'MAGNETIC FIELD STRENGTH' anomalies have also been recorded in this very same area. (SEE FIG 5 - FIG 6).

UNIQUE FINDING

Investigations conducted by the Victorian UFO Research Society has established that this is the "FIRST RECORDED" sighting of mass GROUND and AIR RINGS in this country (and or possibly overseas?).

DATA

The phenomenon was recorded by AIR PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT (Aerial frame camera, WILD RC), from an altitude of 2300 Metres (7,500 feet) AMSL.

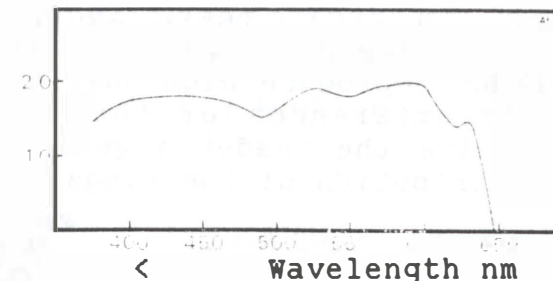
Using KODAK SAFETY FILM (200 ASA 24 DIN), (Nr 243509), light wavelengths from 360nm to 660nm were recorded on the emulsion (FIG 2).

Black and white prints were developed and studied using a ZOOM STEREOSCOPE. This equipment provided a continuously variable in-focus TOPOGRAPHIC DISPLACEMENT ANALYSIS of the surface and air images recorded on the film.

Magnification from 2.5 to 20 power were used. This was increased to 40 power with another eyepiece.

WEDGE SPECTROGRAM

Relative
Log
Sensitivity



: FIG 2. EQUAL ENERGY SPECTROGRAM - KODAK SAFETY FILM.

When the above equipment failed to clarify the phenomenon, a COMPUTER IMAGE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME was then employed to assist in the analysis and improve the photograph resolution.

RING FINDINGS

To give the reader an idea of the scope of the rings, the following data is representative of Just ONE (1) square kilometre field within the total 60 sq Km area.

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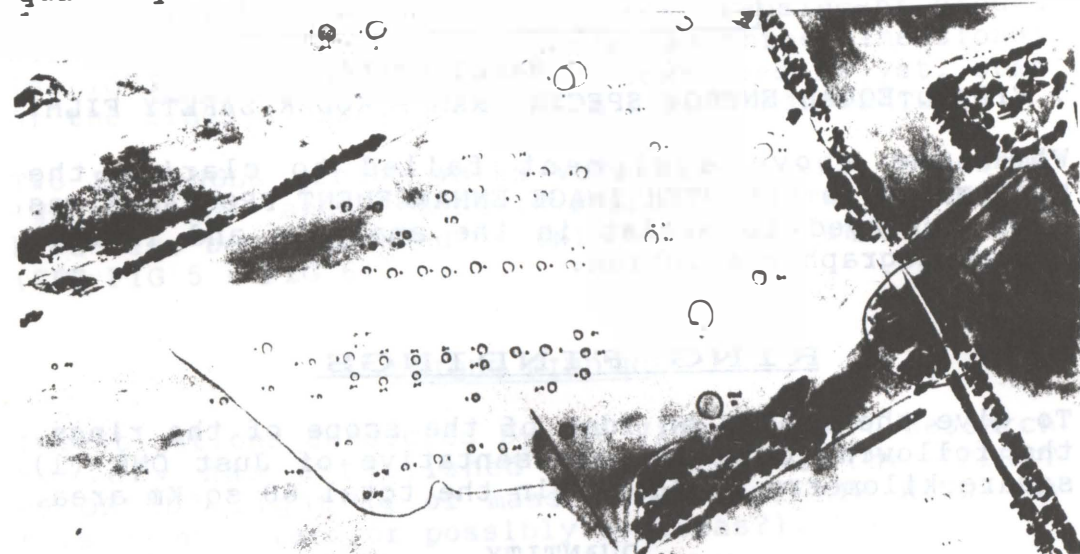
Over this 1 Sq Km land surface area, 82 GROUND & AIR RINGS were photographed, counted and analysed.

SIZE

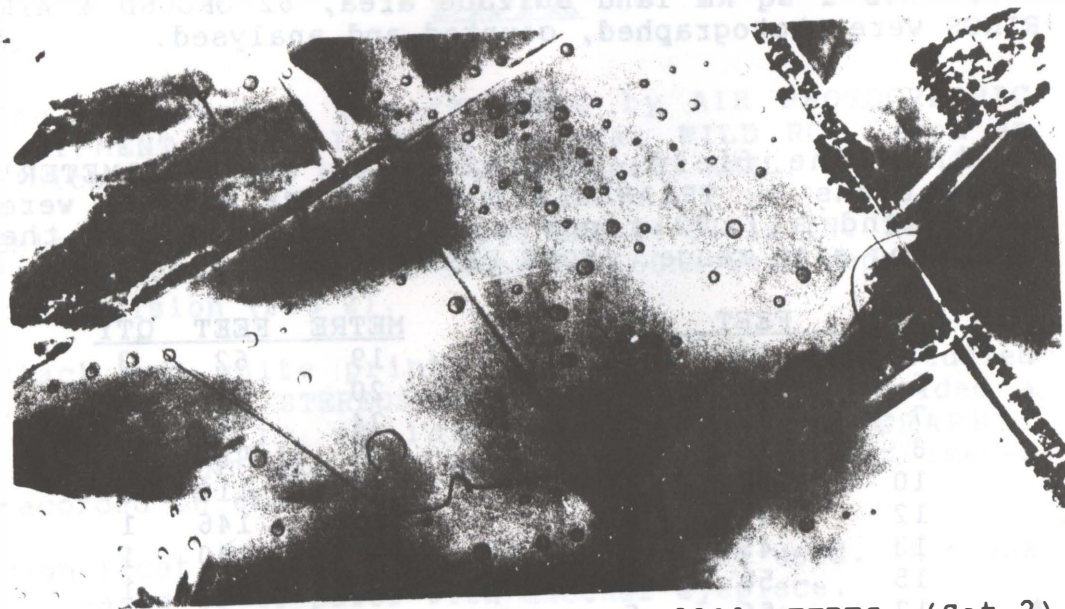
In this one field, approximate 'RING DIAMETER' estimations by TRIANGULATION GEOMETRY METHODS were made, and all 82 rings were found to be of the following size range. (SOME PARALLAX ERROR).

METRE	FEET	QTY	METRE	FEET	QTY
3	11	2	19	62	3
5	16	3	20	67	1
7	22	6	24	78	3
8	28	11	30	95	1
10	34	15	35	112	3
12	39	11	45	146	1
13	45	14	55	180	1
15	50	1	170	560	1
* 17	56	5			

THE GROUND & AIR RINGS ARE PHOTOGRAPHED AT DIFFERENT TIME INTERVALS (10 SEC). THESE ANGLES PRODUCE THE STEREO IMAGE. (Also see MAP - AREA A - FIG 1). Because our printer CANNOT reproduce high quality photo prints the outside circumferences of the rings have been penciled in to give the reader a general idea of the quantity and distribution of the rings.



: FIG 3. AIR RUN 13 No 3770-91 AT 2300 METRES. (Set-1)



: FIG 4. AIR RUN 13 No 3770-92 AT 2300 METRES. (Set-2)

RING TYPE

The rings do not reflect but absorb light. Some are three dimensional (Vertical Cylindrical shape?). They have been found on the ground surface and at altitude. Some are TRANSLUCENT or OPAQUE and others show surface structure.

STRUCTURAL

The majority of the rings were positioned in near Parallel lines formation. Some produced a 'ZIG ZAG' pattern that extended in an approximate North-South direction.

Oddly enough the location of each ring was 'Orderly Arranged' and not 'At Random'.

THREE DIMENSIONAL

At specific locations VERTICAL STACKING of the rings reached heights estimated at 120 metres (400 Feet) above the earths surface.

Although very hard to verify it is estimated that the structure is vertically displaced over some 10 distinguishable levels. When viewed in an stereoscope, this layering gives the appearance of a three dimensional structure.

PERMANENCE & DURATION

The vertical structures held there ground grid location and vertical position over a 2 day span, after which the vertical component vanished leaving ground markings only.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT AIR RING FACTS

- NOT always seen by the naked eye.
- Have very LARGE VOLUMES.
- They are VERY LARGE IN SIZE.
- Cover a VERY WIDE AREA.
- Are STRUCTURAL.
- Leave GROUND MARKS.

- Within the rings the soil has become very HARD.
- Surface layers are in CRUST FORMATIONS.
- MAGNETICALLY AFFECTED.
- If struck the surface will RING like a bell.
- Very DRY no water.
- Top soil woven with small HOLES.

STINGRAY

STRUCTURE

In another field to the South-East, a structure when viewed from the top, looks something like a 'CROSS' or 'STINGRAY' laying in a North-South direction (SEE NEXT PAGE & FIG 7 - FIG 8). Again this structure has vertical elevated rings, and when viewed by a 'THREE DIMENSIONAL COMPUTER DISPLACEMENT GRAPHIC PROGRAM', it's side view resembles a "QUESTION MARK [?]" rotated so the 'Hook' is flat on the ground.

There is some 250 rings in this structure alone!

INVESTIGATION

FINDINGS

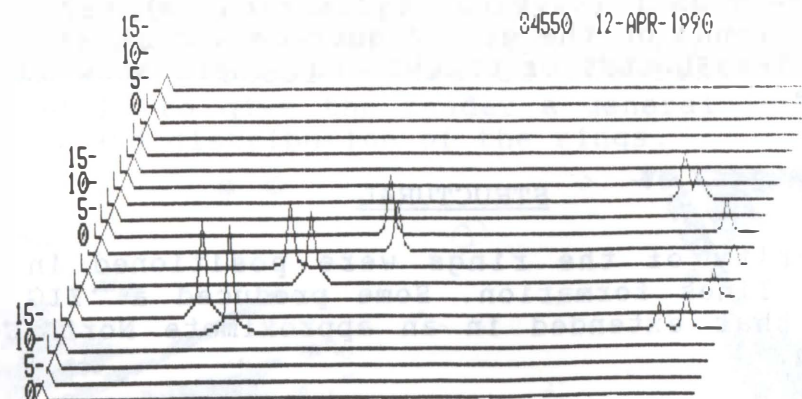
METEOROLOGICAL CONSIDERATION

There was some concern that what was being viewed and photographed was in fact a general meteorological condition. However, weather for the area over the photographic period was calm and extremely stable. Further investigations and data from the VICTORIAN-DEPARTMENT OF METEOROLOGY, has ruled out any known general meteorological condition.

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| - MAX TEMP 20 Deg C. | - HIGH PRESSURE 1028 mb. |
| - LIGHT TO MODERATE S.E. WINDS | - DRY. |
| - 1-4 KNOTS. | - MORNING FOG. |

13 GROUND RINGS - LOCATED JOLLY FARM - TURRIFF - VICTORIA

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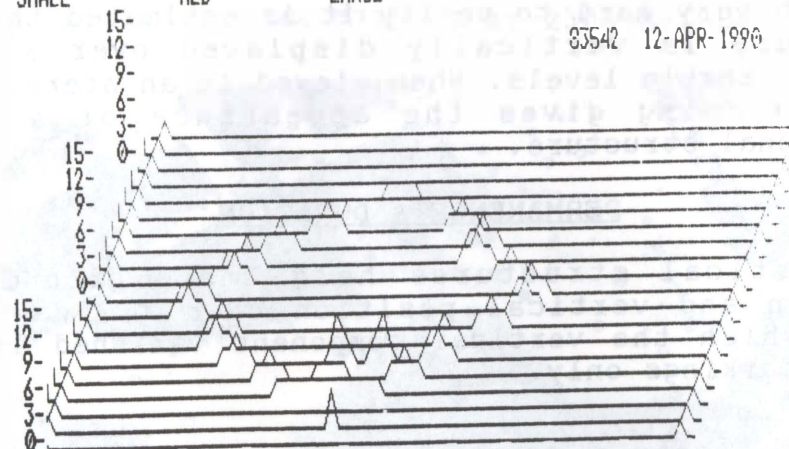
AREA TO SCALE

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FIG 5. MAGNETIC FIELD ANOMALY CONTOUR MAP - WITHIN THE GROUND RINGS AT THE JOLLY FARM - TURRIFF.

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FIG 6. "INDIVIDUAL" RING ANOMALY CONTOUR MAP FROM THE SAME AREA.

RULED OUT CAUSES

The following summary of possible causes have been investigated and are currently RULED OUT!

PHOTOGRAPHIC OR FILM CAUSES RULED OUT:

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| - EMULSION CHEMICAL FAILURE | - FILM GRAIN |
| - EMULSION SCRATCHES/CUTS | - WASH MARKS |
| - CLAMP PROBLEMS | - CHEMICAL DAMAGE |
| - STATIC DISCHARGE MARKS | - LIGHT LEAKAGE |
| - FILM SUCTION PROBLEMS | - VIBRATION DISTORTION |
| - FOCUS | - FILM DEVELOPING |
| - CONDENSATION | - PARALLAX PROBLEMS |

OTHER CAUSES RULED OUT:

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| - NEWTON RINGS | - SUN LIGHT REFRACTION |
| - BIRDS | - GROUND ANIMALS |
| - PLASMA LIGHT | - VORTEX TURBULENCE |
| - LIGHTNING | - CLOUD & FOG |
| - DUST | - SMOKE |
| - SHADOW | - REFLECTION |
| - GEOLOGICAL FORMATION | - PLANT LIFE |
| - FUNGI & GRASS | - WATER |
| - WIND & TURBULENCE | - SOIL & ROCK FALL |
| - MAN MADE STRUCTURES | - BALLOONS & AIRCRAFT |

UNUSUAL EVENT

Investigations revealed that at approximately 9.00 pm on MAY 1989, a local farmer who owns one of the properties within the effected area, reported a 'YELLOW UFO LIGHT' buzzing his sheep in a paddock to the west of the home.

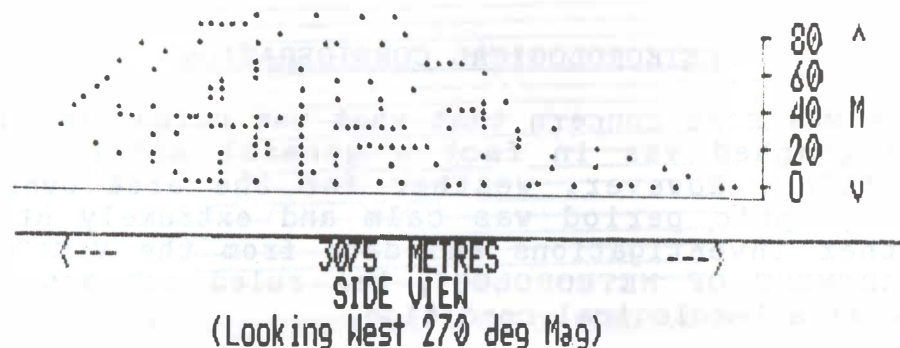
On investigation the farmers found the sheep PANICKED, DISTRESSED AND BERSERK. They were in mobs, bleating and running uncontrolled, stumbling about and wild all over the paddock.

However, to his amazement he found a WEDGE-TAILED EAGLE with a 2 metre wingspan, dazed, disoriented and

FIG 7. "TOP VIEW" USING COMPUTER MAPPING OF RINGS WITH "STINGRAY" STRUCTURE. [AIR RUN 14 No 3771-115.(Set-3)]



FIG 8. "SIDE VIEW" USING COMPUTER MAPPING OF RINGS WITH "STINGRAY" STRUCTURE. [14 No 3771-115.(Set-3)]



drunk condition, stumbling around the same paddock, unable to fly. Did the EAGLE hit something in the air that night, that it did not see?

RESEARCH

Starting in OCTOBER this year, V.U.F.O.R.S will be setting up and conducting research and test in the MALLEE DISTRICT on GROUND & AIR RINGS if they again appear.

CONCLUSION

It is as if we have been able to look into a structure, unexplained and remote from us, however, within our world.

Unfortunately the camera and our equipment has only captured a very small proportion of this phenomenons structure.

It may be something so common and simple to explain. However, even with the data we now have available from the area, we have only deepened the mystery and not eased it at all. Like ENGLAND this phenomenon is extremely difficult to isolate and solve.

We cannot explain it and have no idea where it's going or what it is, only that it exists and it's moving somehow and some-where.

Please note that this report is an advanced SUMMARY of some of the important findings from our investigation. Further detailed research will be conducted on this subject. However, if you can help us, please do!

Since 1958 the RING PHENOMENON has intrigued Victorian UFO researchers. Can we find the simple explanation or UFO link, only time will tell. Be assured our study and research continues.

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Charles says: 'Keep me in touch'

Prince Charles has asked to be kept up to date about the mystery of the corn circles. He has read much of the literature on them, including the book *Circular Evidence* by Pat Delgado and Colin Andrews (Bloomsbury, £13.95).

As a result he has instructed one of his equerries to advise him fully about all new developments.

As a landowner and farmer, the Prince is naturally cu-

rious about anything which affects crops. But he is even more interested in solving a mystery which may contain an element of the paranormal. Although he now hides it for fear of scorn, he remains intrigued by phenomena which can't be explained by conventional science.

Pat Delgado hopes the Prince may even offer to take part in the crop watch to be mounted in the summer.

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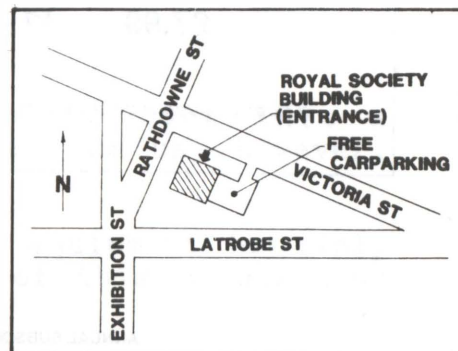
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At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered – this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

Membership of this Society – which maintains the largest membership of any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere – is open to all who are genuinely interested in the subject.

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